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LaViola, in his patent, no. 5,943,175, shows a mirror device attached to a bendable shaft. The mirror device can be slid on the bendable shaft for positioning. This leaves the length of the bendable shaft protruding through the mirror.

LaViola, on his website, [www.hindsighthuntingmirror.com](http://www.hindsighthuntingmirror.com), shows a hunting mirror device that uses a telescoping shaft rather than a bendable shaft. This eliminates the shaft protruding through the mirror, as in his patent no. 5,943,175, while allowing the adjustability of length. However, though it allows for the lengthening and shortening of the mirror device, the range of positioning and adjustability are reduced.

None of these references shows a hunting mirror device which uses a flexible

shaft that is bendable in multiple positions and which shaft allows for shortening or lengthening to accommodate multiple hunting positions.

Very respectfully,

Applicant: 

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